A MEMORIAL RESOLUTION HONORING RUTH C. CARTER

Whereas Ruth C. Carter, an esteemed librarian, archivist, editor, and scholar, died at the age of 77 on January 14, 2015, in South Carolina;

Whereas she was respected for her multifaceted contributions to the profession in serials, technical services, automation, and archives and for her ability to draw the highest level of achievement from her colleagues;

Whereas she served at the University of Pittsburgh for 27 years successively as Systems Librarian, Head of the Serials Department, Head of the Catalog Department, Technical Services Coordinator, then as Assistant Director for Automation and Technical Services, and from 1996 until her retirement in 1999 as Head, Archives Service Center and Curator of Historical Collections;

Whereas she was a true advocate of research in our field and promoted scholarship about cataloging in all its forms as Editor of Cataloging & Classification Quarterly for 20 years, retiring as Editor Emeritus in 2006; as co-founding editor of the Journal of Internet Cataloging (now Journal of Library Metadata) and the Journal of Archival Information, as editor of the Haworth Series in Cataloging and Classification, and as Executive Editor of the Haworth Information Press;

Whereas she was an active member of the American Library Association since 1975, serving as the President of the Association for Library Collections & Technical Services (ALCTS) from 1990-1991, Chair of the Serials Section of the Resources and Technical Services Division (RTSD) from 1985-1986; and on numerous committees, both for ALCTS and LITA;

Whereas she was active in the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) where she was a member of the Standing Committee of the Section on Serial Publications from 1991-1999, and IFLA’s Round Table for Editors of Library Journals; and

Whereas she pursued all aspects of her career with hard work, integrity, unselfishness, modesty, generosity to her colleagues, and graciousness; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. recognizes Ruth C. Carter’s remarkable achievements; and

2. expresses its sincere sympathy to her husband, John L. Carter, her beloved family members and friends, and her professional colleagues.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association
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Keith Michael Fiels
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